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Training Centres for Teachers of Mentally Retarded Students
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of training centres functioning in the country for providing training to teachers for the mentally retarded students, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government has signed any agreement with national and international organization in this area; and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any fund has been allocated/released by the Government to these centres during each of the last two years and the current year; and

(d) if so, details thereof, State-wise including Tamil Nadu?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI KRISHANPAL GURJAR)

(a) The Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) has approved 263 organisations in the country for providing training to teachers for the mentally retarded students. As per information of the National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (NIEPID), Secunderabad 182 RCI institutions are providing Diploma courses. A statement indicating details is at Annexure I. Apart from this, the NIEPID is running B.Ed. Special Education (MR) programme in the Headquarter at Secunderabad and Regional Centres at NOIDA, Kolkatta, and Mumbai.

(b) The Rehabilitation Council of India has signed an MoU with the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) on 08.04.2015 for a period of five years with the following aims and objectives:
1. Revision of minimum standards for offering teacher education preparation programmes with disability specific specialization in view of NCTE Regulations, 2014 and RCI norms and Regulations as may be applicable.
2. Developing/Revision course curriculum on special education/inclusive education for (i) ensuring inclusion in general teacher education programmes; (ii) preparing special educators to support inclusive education practices and (iii) serve children who may need special schools. To achieve this, both will have members as representative of NCTE and RCI in curriculum development exercises.
3. Offering Continuing Rehabilitation Education (CRE) and Continuing Professional Development Programmes for special education and general education teachers.
4. Undertaking research studies for the promotion of inclusive education following Universal Design for Learning wherever applicable.
However, there is no international agreement with any organization in this regard.

(c) & (d) The NIEPID − a National Institute under the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities meets expenditure for conducting Teacher Training Programme at its Headquarters, and Regional Centres from the budget allocated to the Institute by the Department. In addition, the Department also provides grant in aid to Non Governmental Organisations (NGOs) under Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS) for conducting Diploma in Special Education (Mental Retardation) programmes. Details of grant in aid during the last 2 years and the current year is enclosed as Annexure. However, no RCI approved NGO is conducting training programme for teachers on Mental Retardation in the state of Tamil Nadu under DDRS. RCI does not provide funds for running such training centres except release of funds to one Centre in Manipur, i.e. All Manipur Mentally Handicapped Person's Welfare Organization for conducting Diploma in Education Special Education (MR) Course under North East Component Plan.

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